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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION - COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES -
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1. IN DEBATE IN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES APRIL 25, ALGERIAN REP SUPPORTED BY REPS OF INDIA, COSTA RICA AND USSR CRITICIZED CURRENT PRACTICE OF ILC TO MEET IN GENEVA DURING HEIGHT OF CONFERENCE SEASON (MAY-JULY). THEY ALSO COMMENTED ADVERSELY ON ILC WORKING PRACTICES AND NEED TO HOLD 12 WEEK SEASON. UK REP, WHILE DEFENDING WORK PROGRAM, EXPRESSED DOUBT ON NEED TO MEET ALWAYS IN GENEVA.

2. USSR AND UK REPS SUGGESTED THAT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO ILC THAT IT CONSIDER MEETING ELSEWHERE OTHER THAN GENEVA. (UK SPECIFIED NEW YORK). SOVIET REP SAID ILC SHOULD MEET IN MORE CONCENTRATED FASHION. ALGERIAN REP PROPOSED THAT IF ILC DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO HOLD ITS SESSIONS IN GENEVA, THEN IT MIGHT BE PROPOSED TO ILC TO MEET DURING A PERIOD WHICH IS LESS BUSY.

3. COMMITTEE HAS YET TO TAKE DECISION. MAY US REP SUPPORT UK/USSR/ALGERIAN PROPOSAL AS IT WILL PROBABLY BE FORMULATED, I.E. RECOMMEND TO ILC TO CONSIDER MEETING AT TIMES IN NEW YORK OR IF IT IS TO CONTINUE TO MEET IN GENEVA, TO CONSIDER MEETING DURING LESS CROWDED PERIOD?

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